

OUTDOORS WITH MEL

BY MEL SALTZMAN

Another rare catch was reported this week. Billy R. Drew of Torrance recorded a Pacific Pompano while surf fishing at the foot of Topaz Street in Redondo Beach. It weighed 3 pounds 10 oz. which is very large for this specimen which is usually caught in Mexico and south to Peru. The fish is a member of the Jack family which includes the Yellowtail. Just a crazy mixed up yellowtail in this crazy 1959 season.

The yellows broke open again at Port Hueneme and Santa Barbara but the bait situation is bad and the fish don't seem to want jigs. It's a hit and miss proposition but its worth the chance as the yellows are big, up to 30 pounds.

The Torrance Rod and Gun Club is staging its annual Surf Fishing Turkey Derby on Sunday Dec. 20. Tickets are available at Sportville U.S.A. in Torrance, at the North Torrance Fire Station and at Whyllies Bait and Tackle. The prizes are 25 big turkeys and first prize is a

large trophy. Heres a chance to win your Christmas dinner so lets support this big derby.

Laugh of the week. 4 members of the Torrance Fire department fished in the recent surf derby. They battled winds up to 80 miles per hour and all they had to show for it was 6 perch, the largest being 2 pounds one oz. They returned home tired and wet and the next day called to see how big the largest fish was. You guessed it. Their fish were big enough to win second, third and fifth prizes but they didn't register them. Theres a moral there but it slips my mind at this moment.

Tip of the week. I have been asked to repeat the little trick I've learned on keeping mussel on a fish hook. Purchase a spool of thread at the dime store which is the same color as a mussel (I believe it is called burnt orange) Cut a piece about 6 inches and tie one end in the eye of the hook. Put of the mussel and wrap the three



ACE LINEBACKER Les Richter will not be smiling pretty for the camera when the Rams tackle the Green Bay Packers at the Coliseum Saturday afternoon. Les is among the notables who will attend the Press All-City team banquet Dec. 17.

being shaded by Orange Coast. El Camino's cagers settled down this week to prepare for non-conference clashes with Glendale on Friday and Riverside, Saturday.

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Last season Coach George Stanich's cagers clobbered Glendale.

Saturday El Camino returns to the cheerful confines of the Warriorville gymnasium for an 8 p.m. date with Riverside, which also fell by the wayside in a 67-64 loss to ECC last season.

Today's GOLF TIP

BY DON WILLIS

City Recreation Activities Listed

Playoffs will begin this evening in the city-wide Rocky Mountain tag football league, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Three teams from McMaster Park and one from Torrance Park will vie for the championship on the McMaster gridiron at 7 and 8 p.m.

Additional games are planned for Dec. 10 and Dec. 15.

Jerry Kill is coordinating the program for the department.

Casaba clinics for Torrance boys will begin Saturday at Torrance and North High School gymnasiums, according to the Torrance Recreation Dept.

The baseball instruction will be offered in four-hour sessions on Dec. 5 and 12.

Each of the two clinics will offer instruction in fundamentals - dribbling, passing, shooting and strategy.

Boys are warned that street shoes are not allowed on the gymnasium floors.

The sessions are in preparation for basketball leagues that will begin on Jan. 9 for boys between 9 and 14 years of age.

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THE BACKSWING

The initial movement of the backswing is a turning of the hips to the right. As the body turns the shoulders, arms, hands and club follow. The clubhead starts low along the ground and follows the body turn. Keep your head down and steady as though it were a hub of a wheel. The left arm should be as straight as possible without a feeling of stiffness. The right elbow should be in close to the body and pointing towards the ground. Don't hurry your backswing; be smooth.

At the top of the swing there is a full turn of the body, essential for power. The weight of the body mostly on the right leg. Left heel slightly off the ground. The club shaft should lay approximately horizontal, with both hands under the shaft of the club. The wrists should be fully cocked with a firm left hand position.

Next week — The Downswing.

around the bait about 4 or 5 times it will stay on until you want to remove it and doesn't seem to bother the fish. For more information call Mel at FA 8-2173.

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